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**§ 645.101 Purpose.**

To prescribe the policies, procedures, and reimbursement provisions for the adjustment and relocation of utility facilities on Federal-aid and direct Federal projects.

**§ 645.103 Applicability.**

(a) The provisions of this regulation apply to reimbursement claimed by a State highway agency (SHA) for costs incurred under an approved and properly executed highway agency (HA)/utility agreement and for payment of costs incurred under all Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/utility agreements.

(b) Procedures on the accommodation of utilities are set forth in 23 CFR part 645, subpart B, Accommodation of Utilities.

(c) When the lines or facilities to be relocated or adjusted due to highway construction are privately owned, located on the owner's land, devoted exclusively to private use and not directly or indirectly serving the public, the provisions of the FHWA's right-of-way procedures in 23 CFR chapter I, subchapter H, Right-of-Way and Environment, apply. When applicable, under the foregoing conditions, the provisions of this regulation may be used as a guide to establish a cost-to-cure.

(d) The FHWA's reimbursement to the SHA will be governed by State law (or State regulation) or the provisions of this regulation, whichever is more restrictive. When State law or regulation differs from this regulation, a determination shall be made by the SHA subject to the concurrence of the FHWA as to which standards will govern, and the record documented accordingly, for each relocation encountered.

(e) For direct Federal projects, all references herein to the SHA or HA are inapplicable, and it is intended that the FHWA be considered in the relative position of the SHA or HA.

**§ 645.105 Definitions.**

For the purposes of this regulation, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) *Authorization*—for Federal-aid projects authorization to the SHA by the FHWA, or for direct Federal projects authorization to the utility by the FHWA, to proceed with any phase of a project. The date of authorization establishes the date of eligibility for Federal funds to participate in the costs incurred on that phase of work.

(b) *Betterment*—any upgrading of the facility being relocated that is not attributable to the highway construction and is made solely for the benefit of and at the election of the utility.

(c) *Cost of relocation*—the entire amount paid by or on behalf of the utility properly attributable to the relocation after deducting from that amount any increase in value of the new facility, and any salvage derived from the old facility.

(d) *Cost of Removal*—the amount expended to remove utility property including the cost of demolishing, dismantling, removing, transporting, or